

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

JOB OPPORTUNITY  
FORENSIC NURSE

\*\*\*THIS IS A HAZARDOUS DUTY POSITION\*\*\*

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!

Open To: State Employees

Salary: \$50,737 Annually

Closing Date: July 7, 2013

| POSITION # | CLASSIFICATION | PROGRAM/UNIT                     | SHIFT           | WORK SCHEDULE/HOURS                                       |
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| CV105398   | Forensic Nurse | Unit 1<br>Competency Restoration | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2:45 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.<br>72-72-72 - Every other weekend  |
| CV105399   | Forensic Nurse | Unit 4<br>Extended Treatment     | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.<br>72-72-72 - Every other weekend   |
| CV105400   | Forensic Nurse | Unit 4<br>Extended Treatment     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10:45 p.m. to 7:15 a.m.<br>72-72-72 - Every other weekend |
| CV105401   | Forensic Nurse | Unit 6<br>Social Learning        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.<br>72-72-72 - Every other weekend   |
| CV105402   | Forensic Nurse | Unit 6<br>Social Learning        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2:45 p.m. – 11:15 p.m.<br>72-72-72 - Every other weekend  |

**DUTIES MAY INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:** Independently implements the nursing process with patients/clients including carrying out physicians orders regarding diet, medication and treatment; makes ward rounds and gives direct care; takes and records vital signs; changes dressings; checks and distributes controlled drugs; maintains availability of drugs and supplies; observes adequacy of housekeeping and maintenance services; performs first aid and alerts physicians to emergency conditions; records observations of physical and physiological status and actions taken; confers with nurses and physicians on other shifts regarding condition of patients/clients; assesses patients/clients medical-psychosocial needs; works collaboratively with members of an interdisciplinary team in planning direct care; formulates and implements nursing care plans; evaluates nursing actions taken and modifies and/or revises nursing interventions based on patient/client need and response; teaches skills of self care to patients/clients; protects human and civil rights of patients/clients and staff; educates patients/clients and their families towards an awareness and understanding of health, illness and medication usage; maintains records and reports; may participate in bathing and feeding of patients/clients; may assist in physical examinations and histories; may administer EKG and eye examinations; may assist in design and collection of data for research projects; performs related duties as required.

**Eligibility Requirement:** State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

**General Experience:** Graduation from an accredited nursing program and one (1) year experience in the care of the mentally ill or emotionally disturbed.

**Special Requirement:** Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a license or temporary permit as a Registered Professional Nurse in Connecticut. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel.

**Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain patients/clients; may have significant exposure to communicable and/or infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive and/or abusive patients/clients; may be exposed to disagreeable conditions.

**Note:** The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

**To be considered for this position:**

- DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Nurse applying to a Nurse posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
- DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
- All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

Joann K. Castaldo, Human Resources Associate  
Connecticut Valley Hospital – Human Resources Division  
PO BOX 351 – Silver Street – Page Hall - Middletown, CT 06457  
Fax: (860) 262-5055 - E-Mail: [joann.castaldo@ct.gov](mailto:joann.castaldo@ct.gov)  
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